(ङ) सरकार द्वारा तस्करों की गतिविधियों पर अंकुश लगाने और हवाले के धंधे को शीघ्र बन्द करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) से (घ) हवाला रैकेट गुप्त रूप से चलाया जाता है । अतः ठिकानों की संख्या अथवा सरकार को होने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा की हानि का सही अनुमान लगाना सम्भव नहीं है ।

(ङ) जब भी, इस प्रकार के अवैध सौदों का पता चलता है विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम (फेरा) 1973 के अधीन, जिसमें विदेशी मुद्रा संरक्षण और तस्करी निवारण अधिनियम (कोफेपोसा) के अन्तर्गत न्याय निर्णयन और नजरबन्दी भी शामिल हैं, समुचित कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Use of Solar Power in the Country

805. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that use of solar power is on the increase in the country ;

(b) if so, the details of the field in which solar power is being increasingly used at present and in which states of the country ; and

(c) whether in view of rising cost and inadequate supply of hydro electric power, Government propose to chalk out a plan to encourage its use in other areas also if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Solar power is being increasingly used for lighting, water pumping, community lighting/television, communication, railways signalling electrification of small unelectrified villages/hamlets in almost all the States and Union Territories of the country, with the involvement of State nodal agencies, Electricity Boards, Govt. Departments and users.

(c) Taking into consideration the present cost of solar power systems, efforts are being made to encourage the use of such systems for small power applications in remote areas and for specialized applications such as communication, railway signalling etc. With further improvements in technology and cost reduction, use of solar power is expected to become more widespread.

Number of Villages Electrified in Tamil Nadu

806. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 899 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1992 and state :

(a) what is the number of villages yet to be electrified in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what is the number of villages proposed to be electrified during 1992-93, district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) As per available information, only 16 villages (1981 Census) are yet to be electrified as on 31-3-1991 in Tamil Nadu, of which only 7 villages are feasible for electrification.

(b) No target for electrification of villages has been fixed for 1992-93 in Tamil Nadu.

Recommendations made by Advisory Board on Energy

807. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the recommendations made by the Advisory Board on Energy for rural requirements of